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ACTION EA-09

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O R 170756Z OCT 76  
FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4788  
INFO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA  
AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR  
AMEMBASSY MANILA  
AMEMBASSY RANGOON  
AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE  
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EO 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PGOV,PINT, TH  
SUBJ: REPORTED ARRESTS IN THAILAND

REF: BANGKOK 28511

VOA HASHEARD IN BANGKOK MORNING OF OCT 17 (LOCAL TIME) CARRIED  
ITEM REFERRING TO LARGE-SCALE ARRESTS AT ORDERS OF NATIONAL  
ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM COUNCIL (NARC). WE UNDERSTAND DAVID  
ANDELMAN OF NYTIMES HAS REPORTED "MASSIVE ARRESTS", GEORGE  
MCARTHUR OF LATIMES HAS REPORTED SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF ARRESTS,  
WHILE DENNIS GREY OF AP HAS REPORTED AT LEAST 200 ARRESTED.

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ARRESTS ARE CLEARLY BEING MADE BY THAI POLICE UNDER NARC ORDER

NO. 22 OF OCT 13 (BROAD SCOPE OF ORDER COVERED IN PARA ONE OF REFTTEL). HOWEVER, ALL OF THE STORIES TO DATE ARE HIGHLY SPECULATIVE IN TERMS OF NUMBERS DETAINED. AT THIS POINT TOTAL NUMBER OF DETAINEES IS UNKNOWN. NARC HAD MADE NO STATEMENT ON NUMBERS ARRESTED AS OF AFTERNOON OF OCT 17 (LOCAL TIME). DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THAI NATIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT SISUK MAHINTHARATHEP (HIMSELF A MEMBER OF NARC) STATED TO PRESS OCT 16 THAT, "PRESENTLY, NEITHER POLITICIANS NOR NEWSPAPERMEN ARE AMONG THOSE ARRESTED." SISUK DECLINED TO ESTIMATE NUMBER OF ARRESTS, AS OPERATIONS WERE STILL BEING CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT COUNTRY. ANNOUNCEMENT THAT WAVE OF ARRESTS HAD BEGUN WAS MADE AT PRESS CONFERENCE OCT 15 BY GEN SOEM NA NAKHON (C-IN-C OF ROYAL THAI ARMY AND MEMBER OF NARC RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURITY OF BANGKOK AREA).

COMMENT: THAI POLICE MOVED QUICKLY TO RELEASE BULK OF STUDENTS AND OTHERS ARRESTED IN THE COURSE OF OPEATIONS AT THAMMASAT

UNIVERISITY OCTOBER 6. THESE ARRESTS HAD ALREADY ATTRACTED ATTENTION OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, AND WAVE OF ARRESTS ANNOUNCED BY GEN. SOEM OCT 15 WILL CERTAINLY DRAW ADDITIONAL FIRE AGAINST CONDUCT OF NARC.  
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